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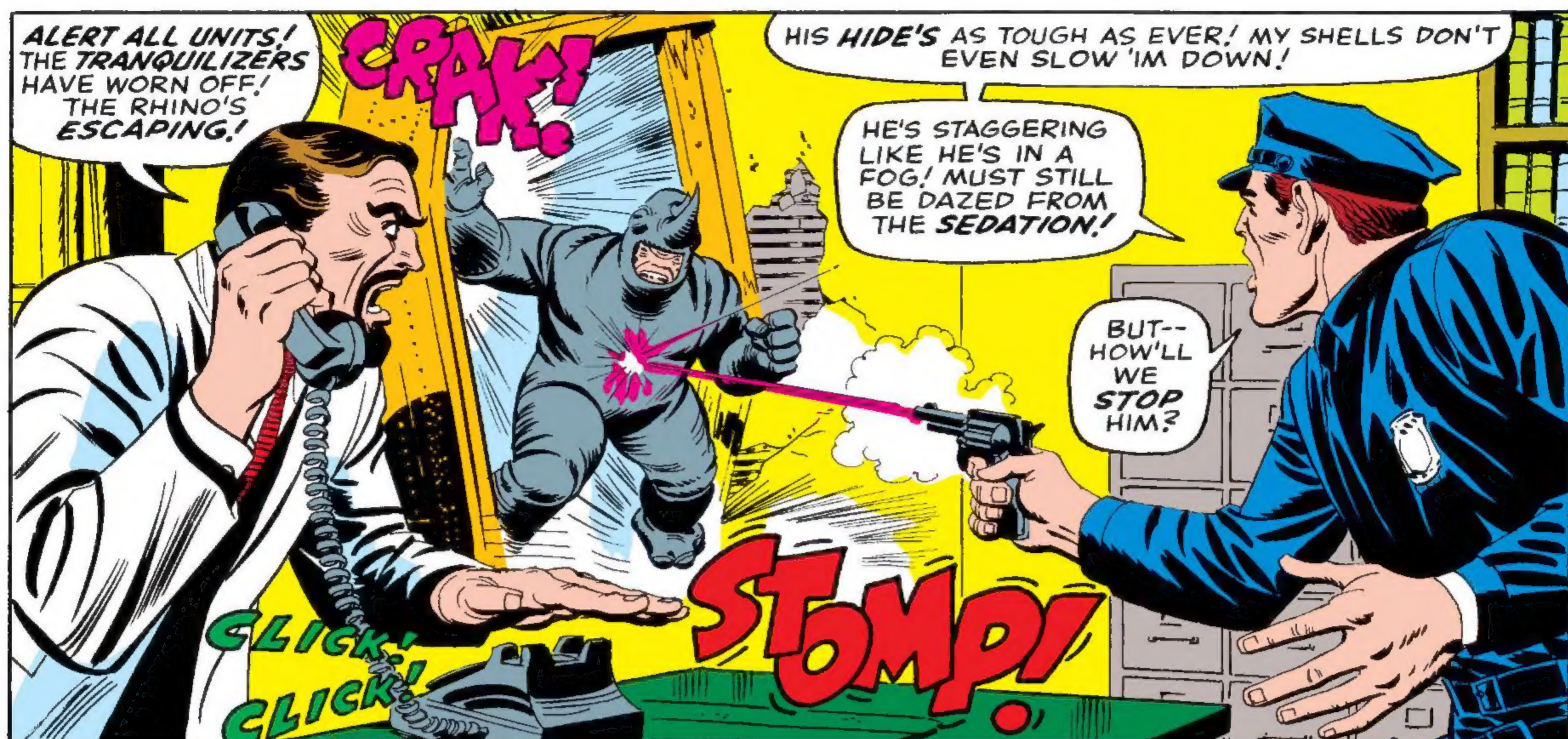
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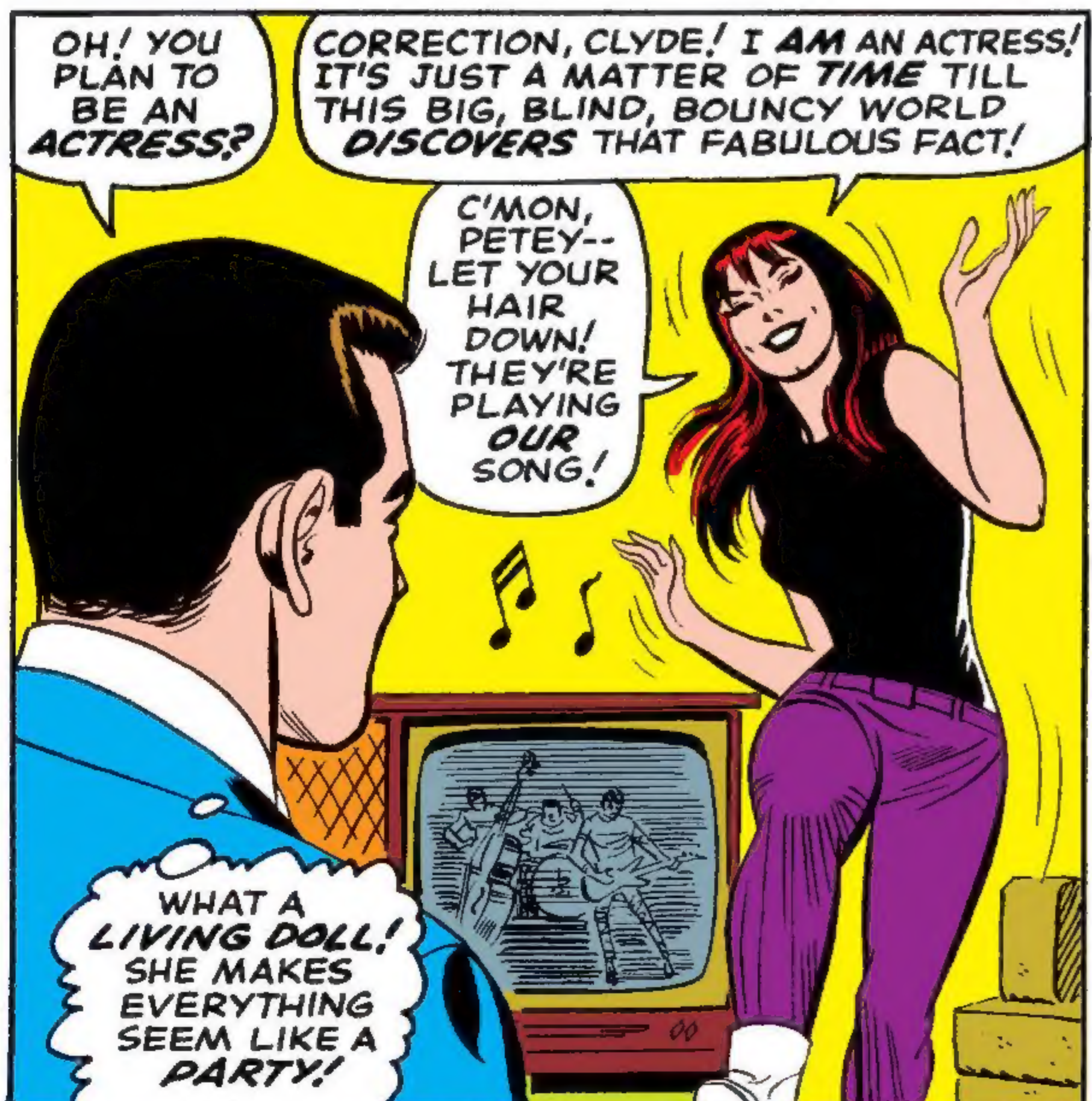
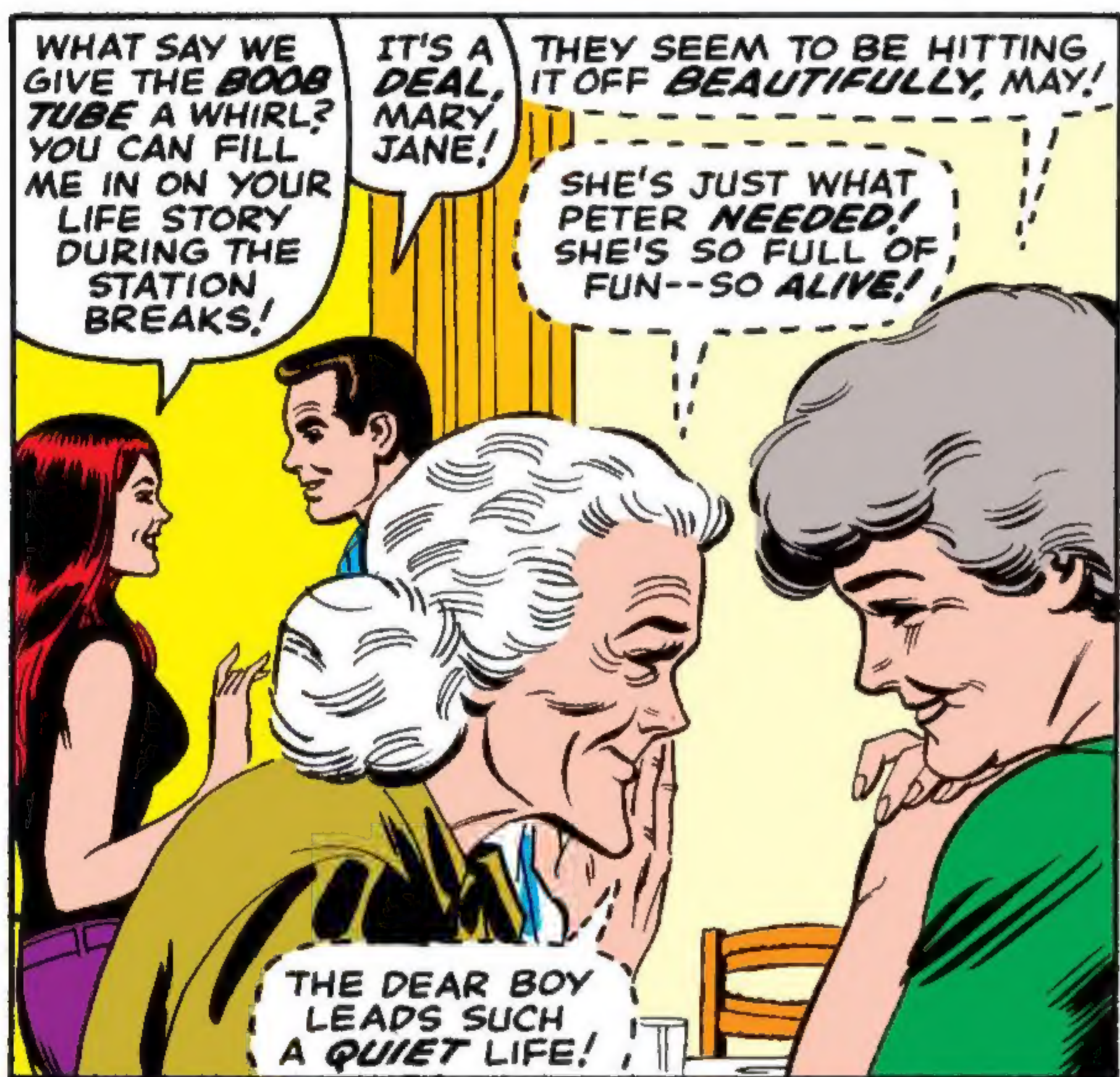
ARTIE (STOUT-HEARTED) SIMEK, LETTERER

NOW, FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS!  
WE'RE OFF--!













I'VE GOT TO GO **AFTER HIM**--AS **SPIDER-MAN!**

BUT, HOW CAN I GET AWAY FROM **MARY JANE?**

SAY, PETEY--WOULDN'T IT BE A KICK TO REALLY **SEE** THE RHINO--IN **PERSON?**

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



IT'S A REAL **HAPPENING**, MAN! WE COULD HOP ON YOUR CYCLE, AND FOLLOW THE SOUND OF THE **SIRENS!**

NOW **THAT'S** THE KIND OF GAL FRIEND A BUSY **SPIDER-MAN NEEDS!**

I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, LADY! LET'S GO!

**GRRRREAT!** I'LL BET THE RHINO'S A REAL **SWINGER!**



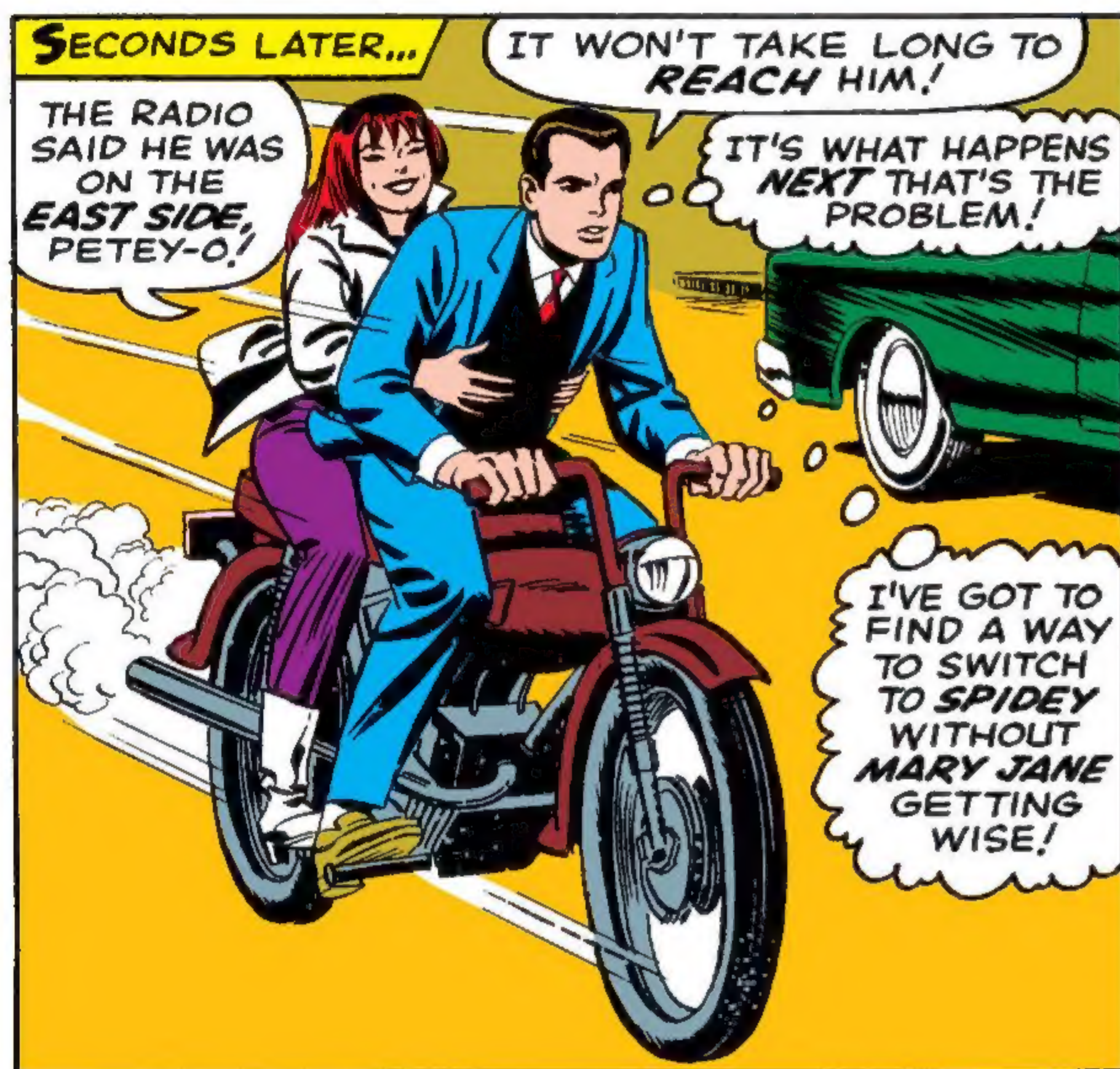
G'NIGHT, FOLKS! I'M GONNA TAKE MARY JANE FOR A SPIN!

THE DINNER WAS **DELISH**, MRS. WATSON!

BUT YOU HARDLY ATE A **THING**, PETER!

AND YET, EACH MOUTHFUL WAS A MONUMENT TO THE CULINARY ART!

YOU'RE UTTERLY **MAAAAAD**, LAD!



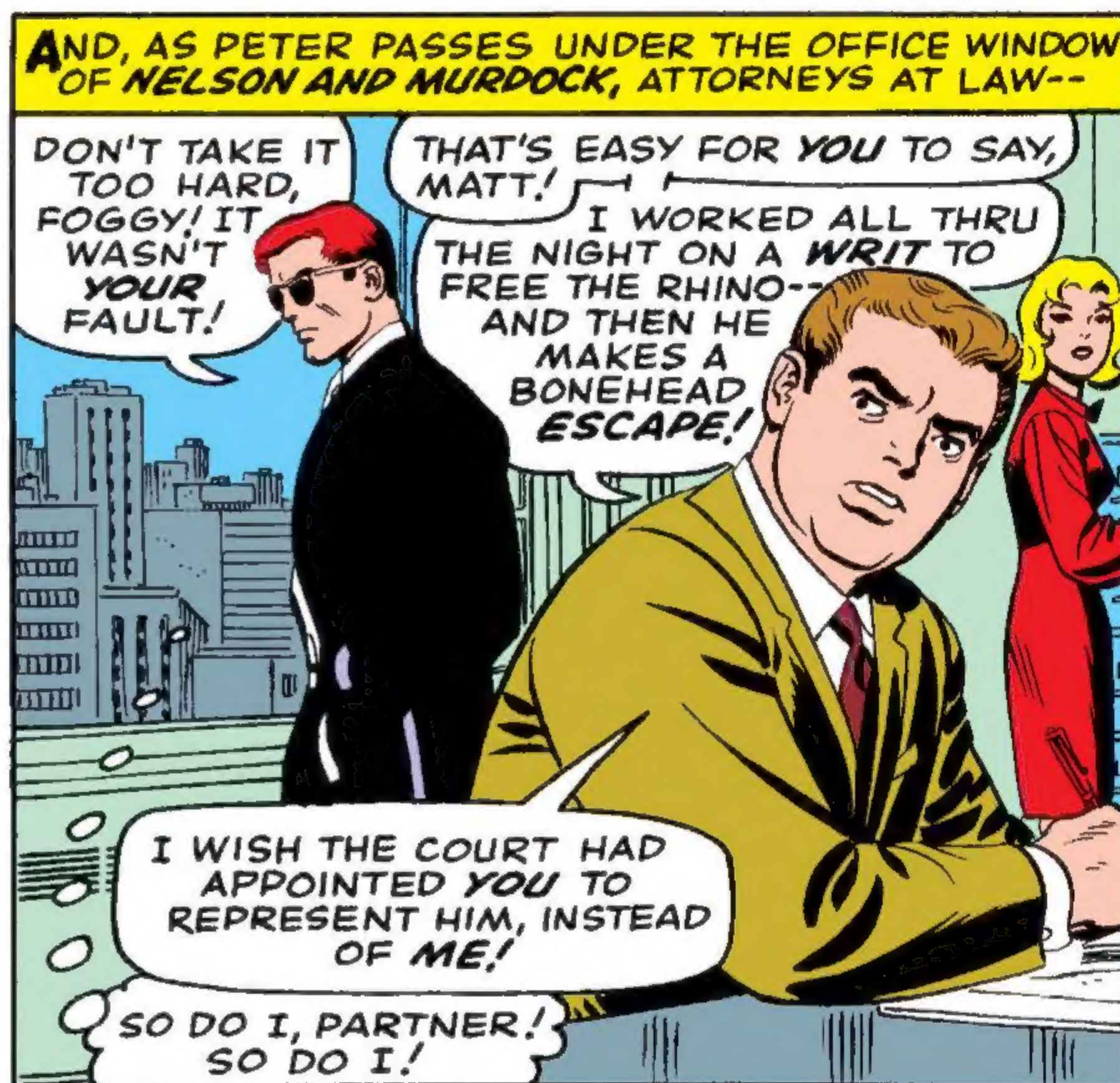
**SECONDS LATER...**

THE RADIO SAID HE WAS ON THE **EAST SIDE**, PETEY-O!

IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO **REACH HIM!**

IT'S WHAT HAPPENS **NEXT** THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SWITCH TO **SPIDEY** WITHOUT **MARY JANE** GETTING WISE!



AND, AS PETER PASSES UNDER THE OFFICE WINDOW OF **NELSON AND MURDOCK**, ATTORNEYS AT LAW--

DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD, FOGGY! IT WASN'T **YOUR** FAULT!

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, MATT!

I WORKED ALL THRU THE NIGHT ON A **WRIT** TO FREE THE RHINO--AND THEN HE MAKES A **BONEHEAD** ESCAPE!

I WISH THE COURT HAD APPOINTED **YOU** TO REPRESENT HIM, INSTEAD OF **ME!**

SO DO I, PARTNER! SO DO I!



THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM **NOW** IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RHINO DOESN'T **INJURE** ANYONE UNTIL HE'S CAUGHT!

THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM, MATT! **SPIDER-MAN** FOUGHT HIM ONCE BEFORE, AND HE'LL PROBABLY TACKLE HIM **AGAIN!**

I WISH **DAREDEVIL** COULD GO AFTER HIM NOW--BUT THE **WEB-SLINGER** DESERVES FIRST CRACK AT HIM!

I **HATE FELONIES!** GIVE ME A JUICY **TAX CASE** ANYTIME!



MEANWHILE, WHERE **IS** THE RHINO?--WE WERE **HOPING** YOU'D ASK!

THERE'S ONLY **ONE** WAY TO BRING **SPIDER-MAN** OUT INTO THE **OPEN!** I'VE GOTTA SMASH EVERYTHING IN **SIGHT!**

SOONER OR LATER HE'LL COME AFTER ME AGAIN--BUT **NEXT** TIME OUR MEETING'LL HAVE A **DIFFERENT** ENDING!

**KLANG!**

**SKR!**

**STOMP! STOMP!**



**DON'T GO 'WAY, FRANTIC ONE! ORIGIN TIME IS COMIN' UP--!**

IF NOT FOR THAT BLASTED WALL-CRAWLER, I'D HAVE CAPTURED COLONEL JAMESON BY NOW!\*

MY PLAN WAS PERFECT--FOOLPROOF--TILL HE BUTTED IN!

\*AS PROUDLY PORTRAYED IN OUR LILTIN' 41ST ISH! YOUR FRIENDLY FOOTNOTER--STAN!

BUT, I'LL FINISH SPIDER-MAN OFF! I'VE GOT THE POWER TO DO IT--THE POWER THAT THEY GAVE ME! I STILL REMEMBER HOW IT FIRST STARTED--

I WAS A NOBODY--JUST A HIRED HOOD--A MUSCLE-MAN, DOIN' THE DIRTY JOBS FOR A BUNCH OF PROFESSIONAL SPIES--

REMEMBER--WE OWE ALLEGIANCE TO NO NATION--EXCEPT THE COUNTRY THAT PAYS US THE BEST!

AND YOUR ALLEGIANCE IS ONLY TO US!

SURE--SURE!

MY ASSOCIATES THINK YOU ARE TOO STUPID TO BE TRUSTED--BUT I DISAGREE!

I FEEL YOUR VERY LACK OF INTELLIGENCE WILL PREVENT YOU FROM EVER BETRAYING US!

THE EXPERIMENT! TELL HIM OF THE EXPERIMENT!

AH, YES! WE SHALL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO BECOME IMPORTANT--TO BE FAMOUS!

I DON'T CARE WHAT I DO--SO LONG AS I GET PAID!

EXCELLENT! THAT IS WHY YOU ARE SO USEFUL TO US!

**"THE EXPERIMENT TOOK MONTHS! MONTHS OF INJECTIONS--TREATMENTS--USING ME AS A GUINEA PIG, UNTIL--FINALLY--"**

NOW FOR THE MOST CRUCIAL PART! YOU MUST LIE MOTIONLESS--DO NOT MOVE A MUSCLE!

WE ARE ABOUT TO APPLY MY GREATEST INVENTION--

A FORM OF MOLECULAR ADHESIVE, WHICH WILL BECOME AS MUCH A PART OF YOU AS A SECOND SKIN!

**THERE! IT IS DONE! OUR TREATMENTS HAVE GIVEN YOU THE STRENGTH OF A RHINOCEROS!**

AND, THE MOLECULAR ADHESIVE COVERING YOU WEAR WILL GIVE YOU A PROTECTIVE SKIN TOUGHER THAN A RHINO'S OWN!

YOU ARE POSSIBLY THE STRONGEST MAN ALIVE--THANKS TO US! YOU MUST OBEY OUR EVERY COMMAND!

YOU WILL BE THE PERFECT ASSASSIN! BRAINLESS--OBEDIENT--INVINCIBLE!

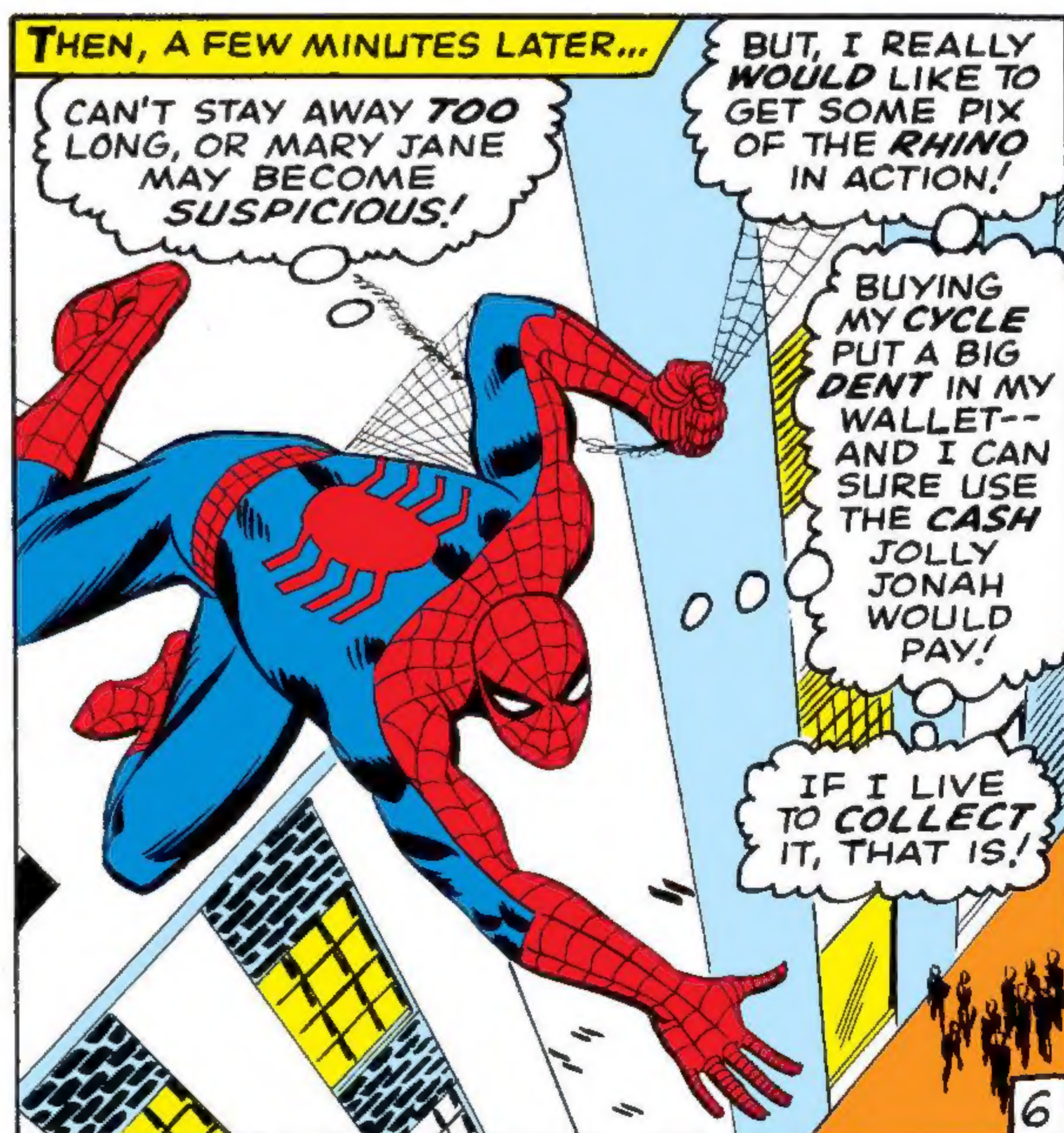
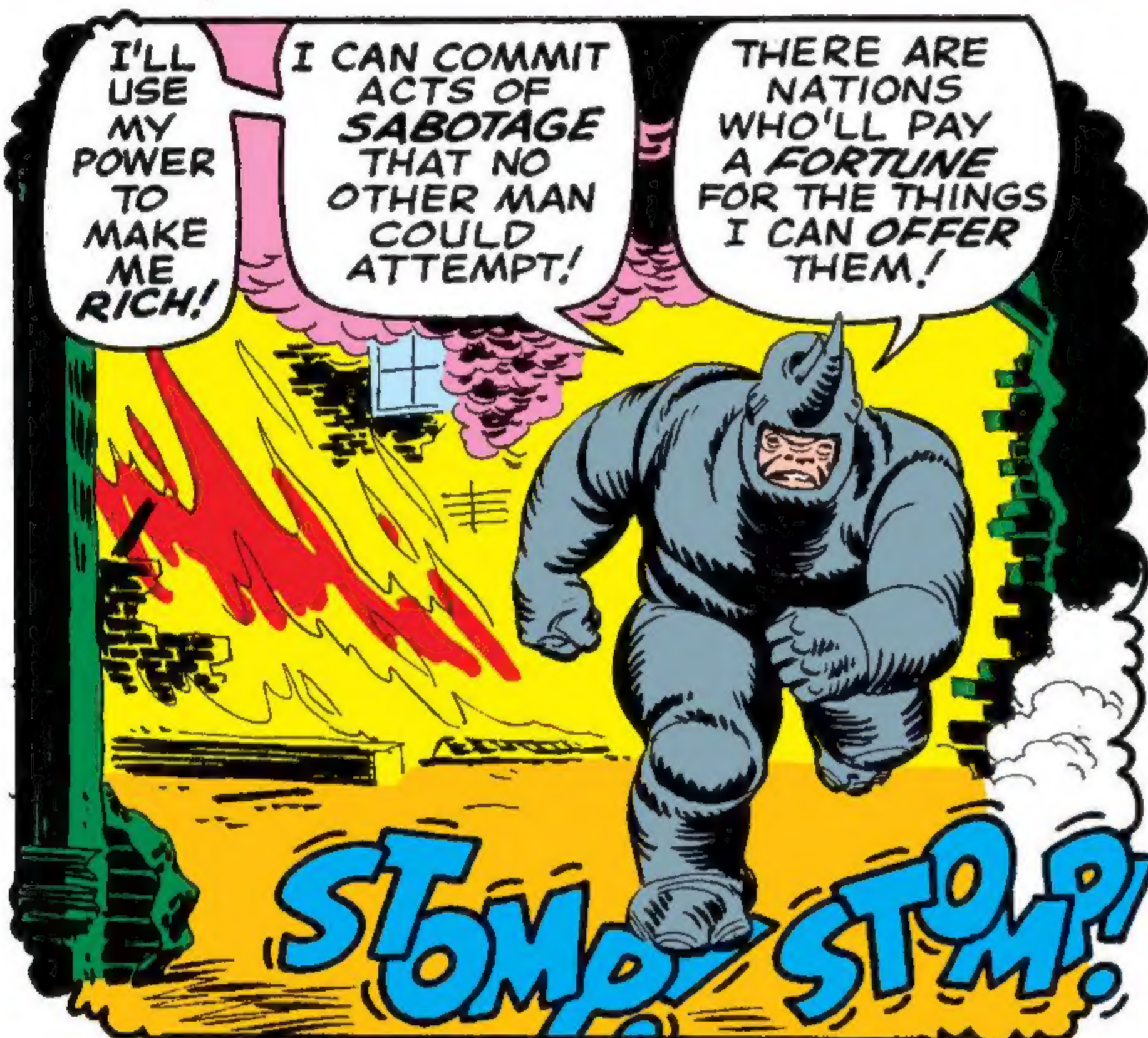
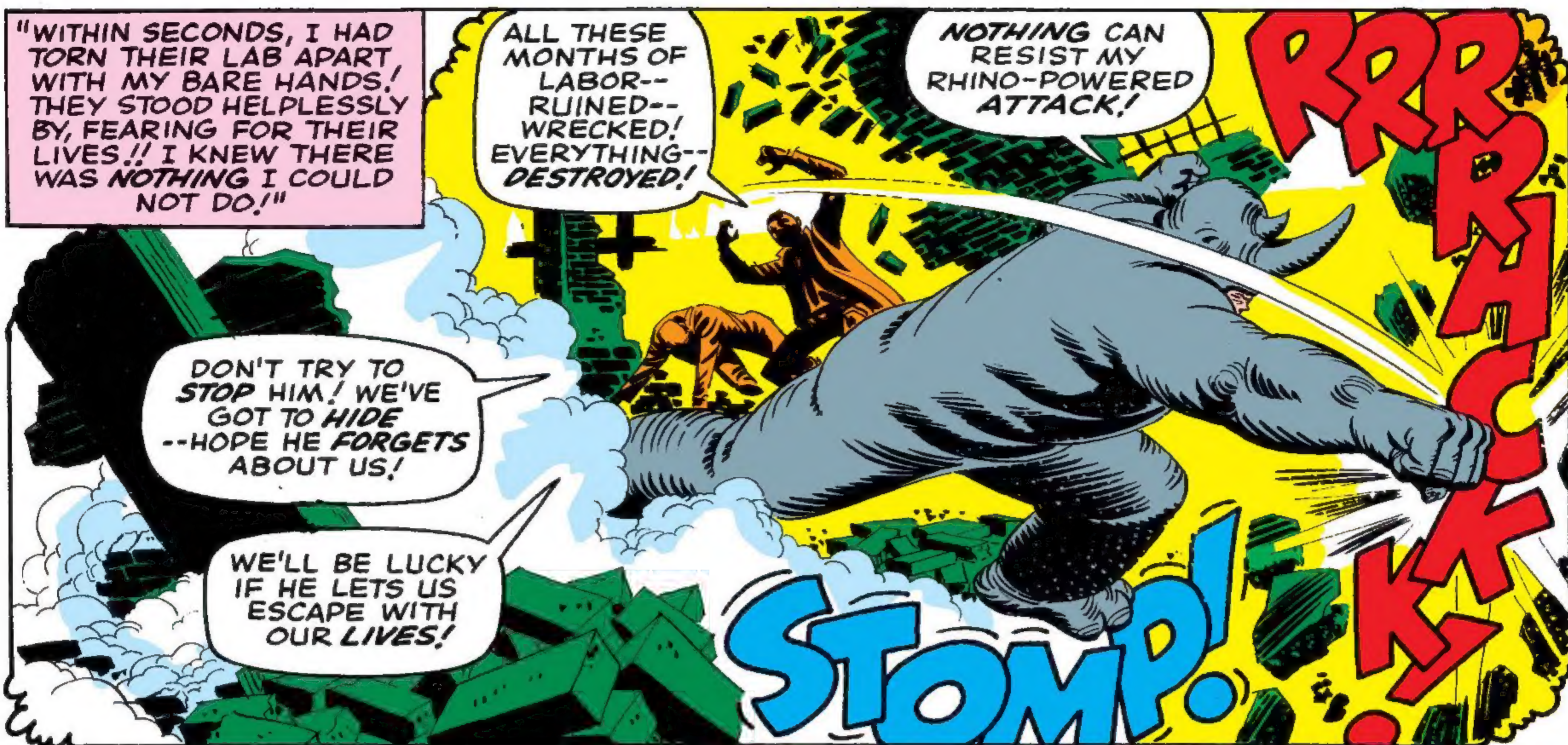
**"BUT, THEY HAD MADE ONE FATAL MISTAKE! WHEN MY POWER INCREASED--MY INTELLIGENCE DID, ALSO!"**

WHY SHOULD I SERVE YOU?

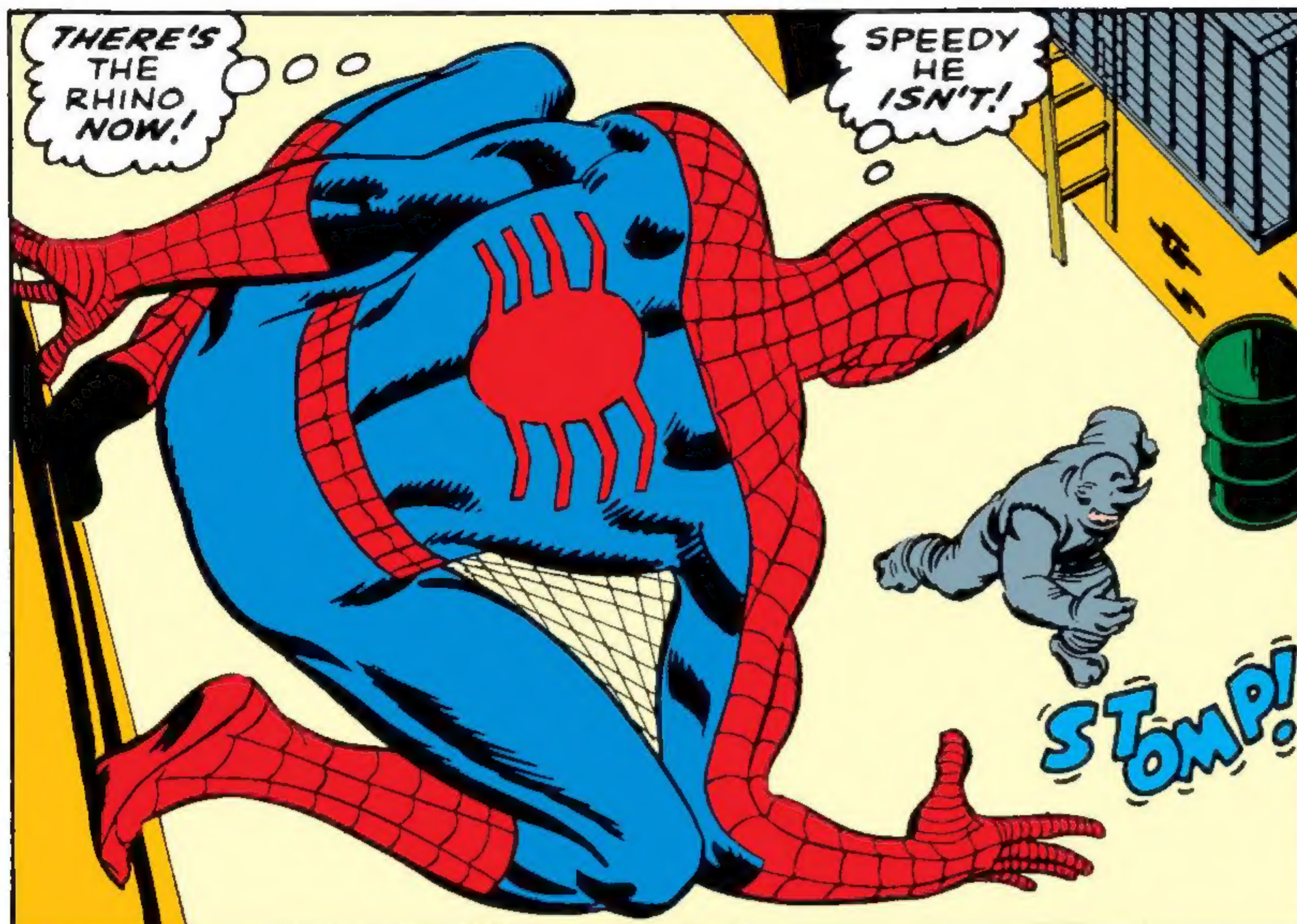
I'M TOO STRONG TO TAKE ORDERS FROM ANY MAN!

**BAM!**

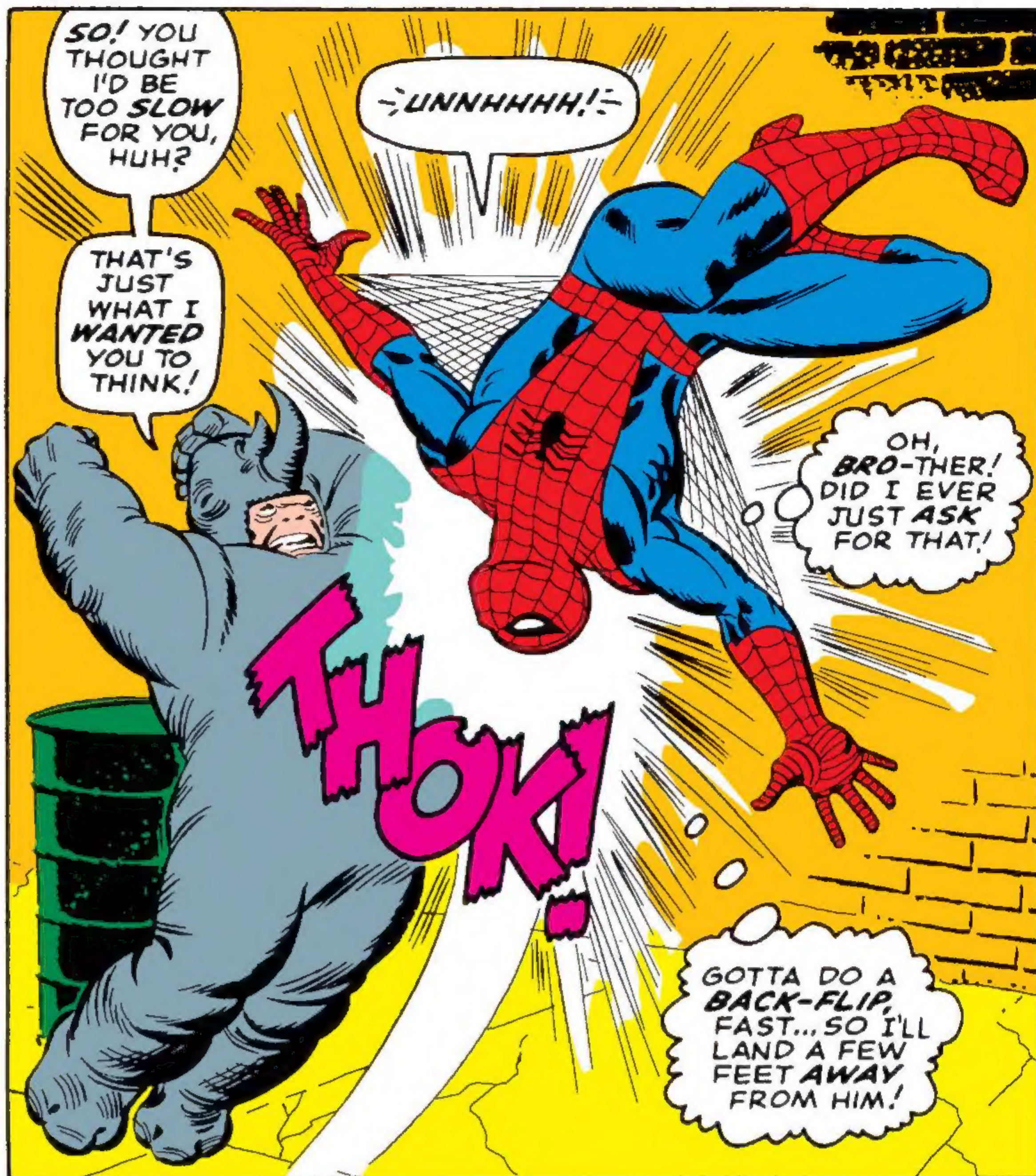
















UH OH--THAT'S NOT SO GOOD!

HE'S GETTING RIGHT UP AGAIN! IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO HURT HIM, IT'S NOT BY WHUMPIN' HIS HEAD!--THAT'S FOR SURE!



IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I MISS YOU--!

I'LL JUST HAVE TO CONNECT ONCE --AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF SPIDER-MAN!



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYONE WANTS TO END MY CAPRICIOUS CAREER!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS THE MOST LOVEABLE LITTLE HERO IN TOWN!

ANYWAY, HERE'S SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU OUT OF DRAFTS IF IT GETS CHILLY!



TAUNT ME ALL YOU WANT TO! YOUR LUCK WILL RUN OUT SOONER OR LATER!

ARE YOU KIDDIN'?

I'M THE ORIGINAL HARD-LUCK HARRY--

THEY MUST HAVE BROKEN EVERY MIRROR IN TOWN WHEN I WAS BORN!



I WON'T PLAY IT YOUR WAY ANY LONGER!

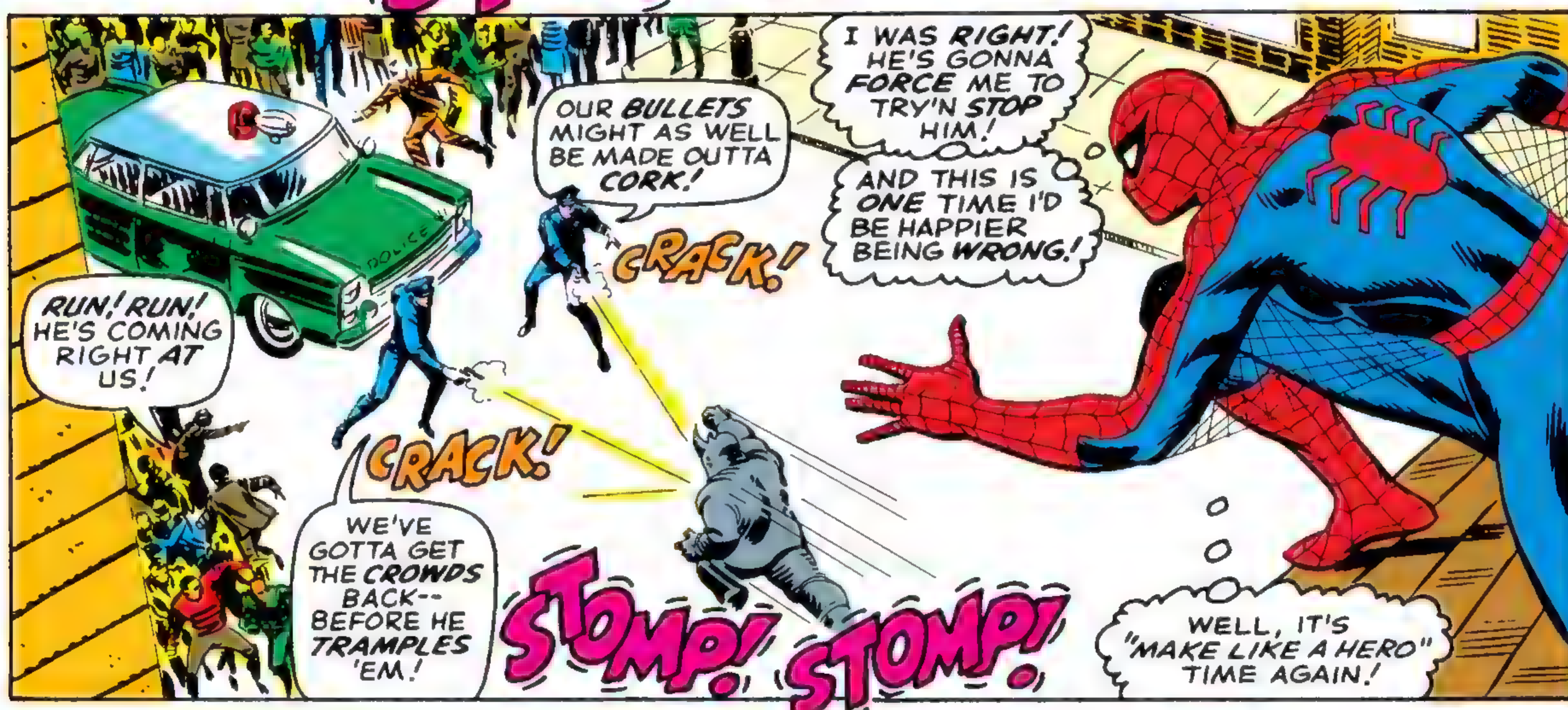
INSTEAD OF VAINLY ATTACKING YOU, I'LL FORCE YOU TO COME AFTER ME!

GONNA PLAY HARD TO GET, EH?

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT! WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW?

BTOOM!

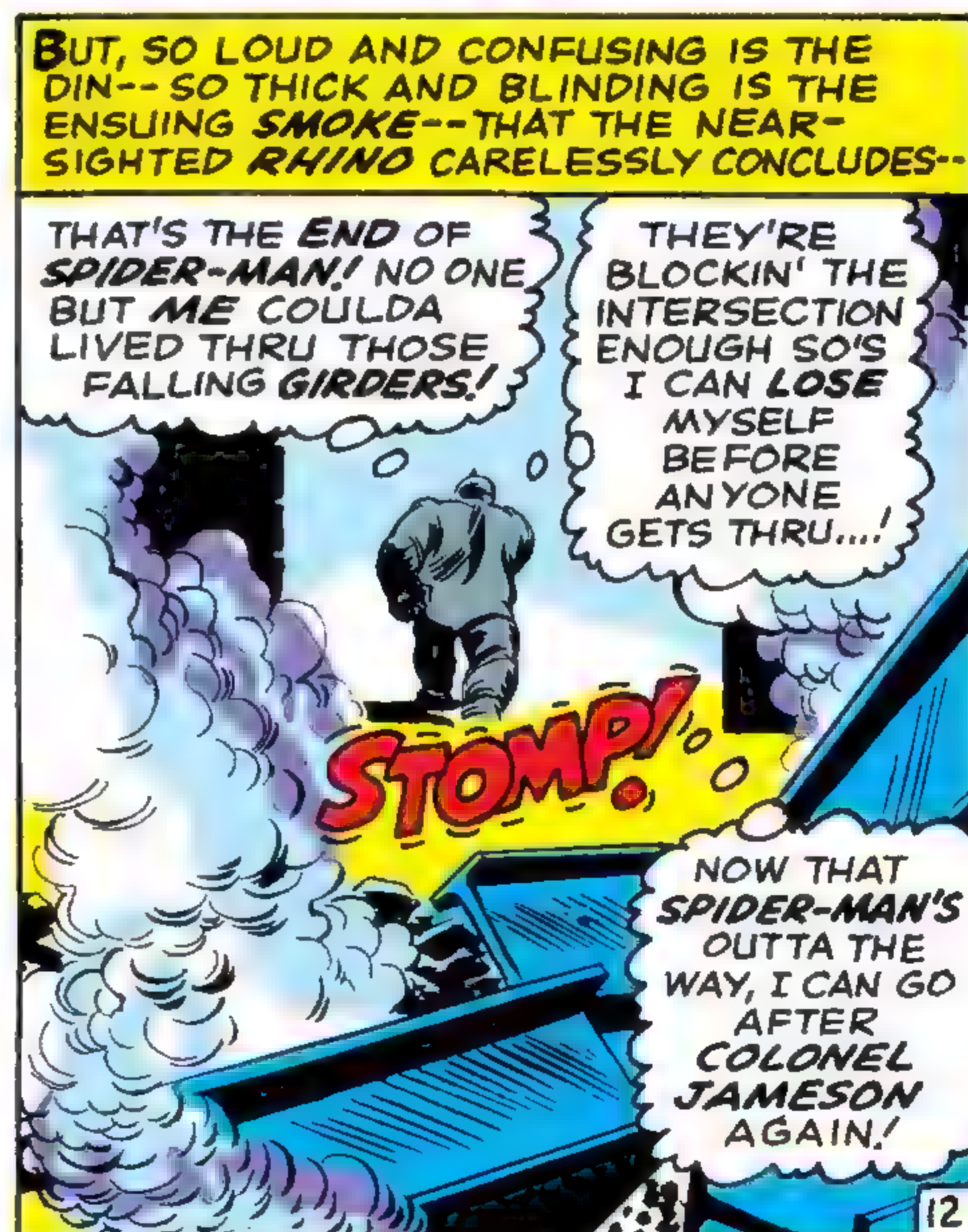
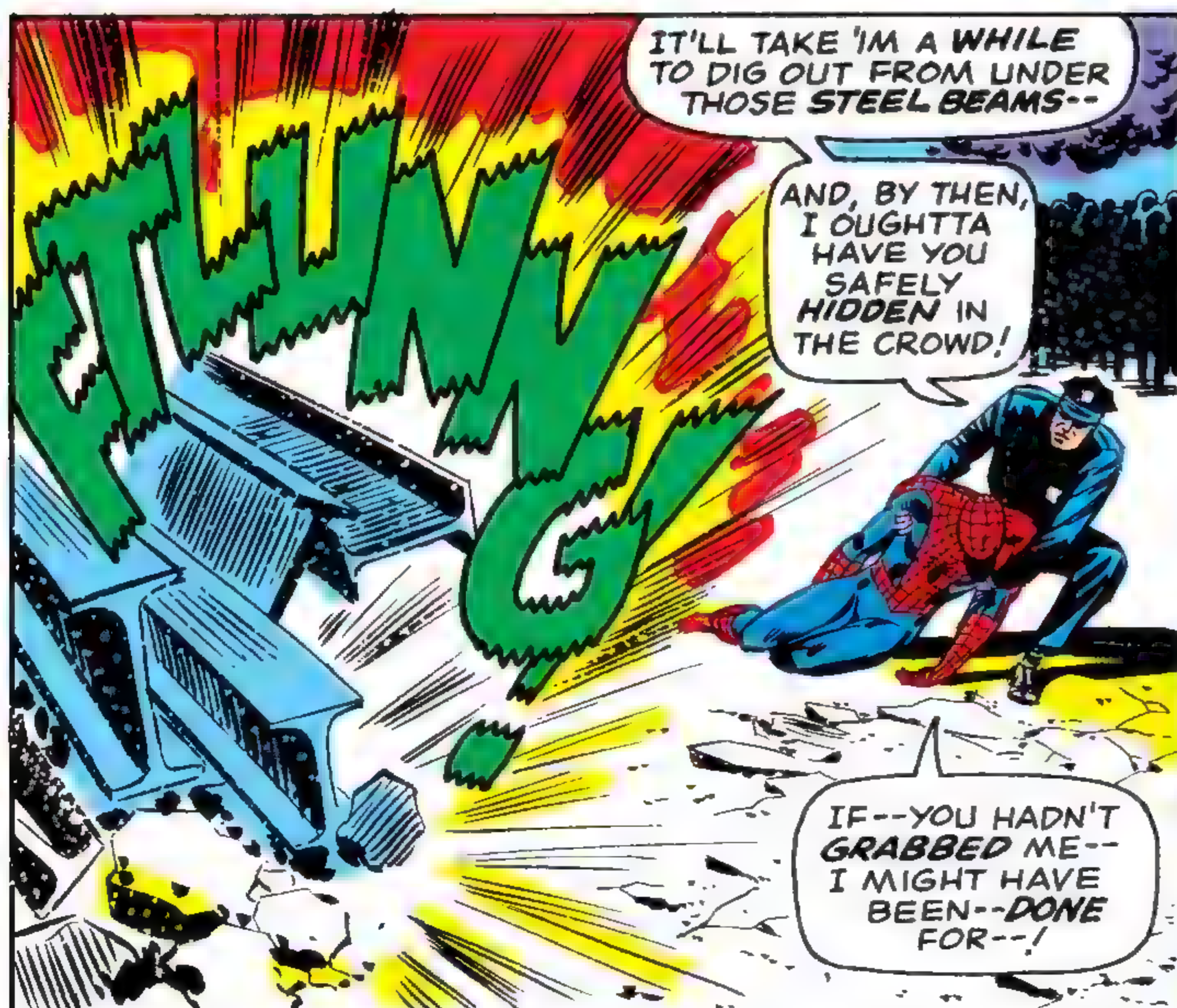
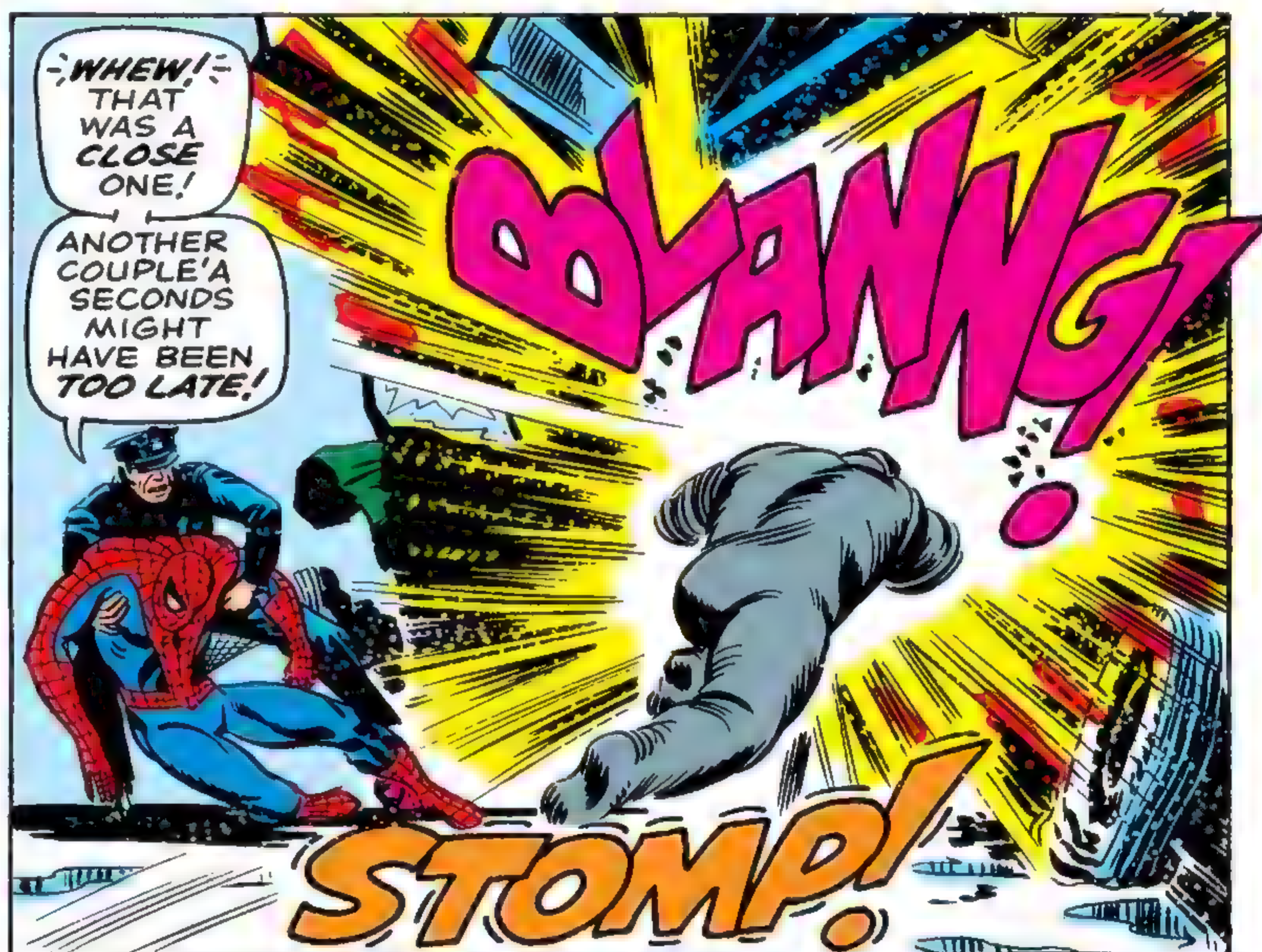








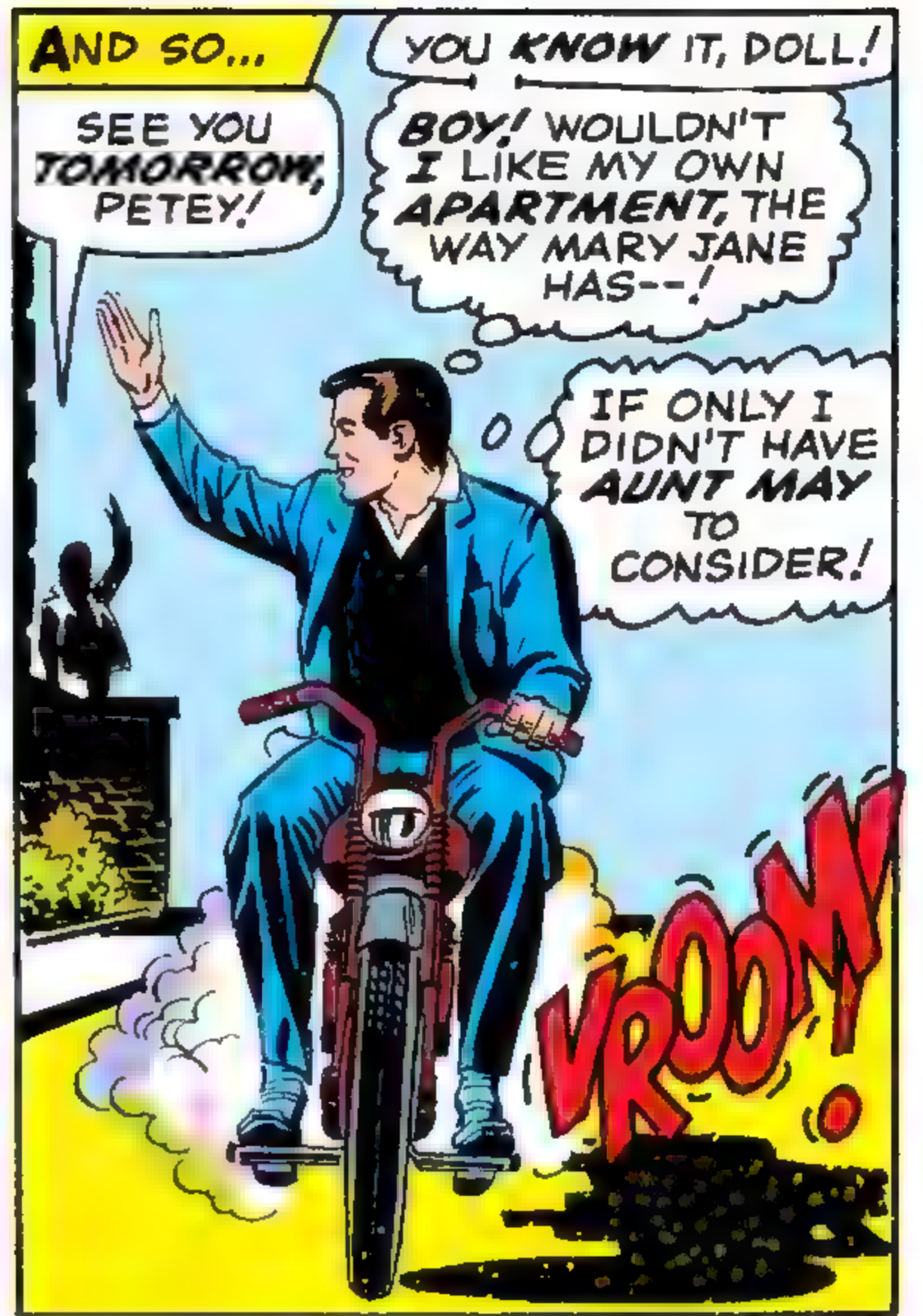














MINUTES LATER, AT THE LAB OF FAMOUS RESEARCH SCIENTIST DR. CURTIS CONNORS (WHOM OLD-TIME SPIDOPHILES ALSO KNOW AS... THE LIZARD...)



I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, DOC-- BUT I CAN SURE USE SOME HELP!

SPIDER-MAN! HOW CAN SOMEONE TO WHOM I OWE MY LIFE BE A BOTHER?

I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR BATTLE WITH THE RHINO ON THE RADIO! TOO BAD HE GOT AWAY!



THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, DOC! THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP HIM WHILE HE'S PROTECTED BY THAT RHINO HIDE OF HIS!

IF ONLY I HAD A SAMPLE-- FOR ANALYSIS!

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED--

I'VE GOT SUCH A SAMPLE!

THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? I'LL START ANALYZING IT IMMEDIATELY!



WHILE YOU SET UP YOUR APPARATUS, I HAVE A PRIVATE PHONE CALL TO MAKE--!

YOU CAN USE THE PHONE RIGHT IN THE NEXT ROOM!

IT'LL JUST TAKE A MINUTE!

I JUST REMEMBERED-- I DON'T WANT AUNT MAY WORRYING ABOUT WHERE I AM!



THIS IS PETER! DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME-- I HAVE TO-- EH-- DO SOME STUDYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE!

SURE, I'M OKAY! SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, AUNT MAY!

WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS IF I HAD MY OWN PAD!

IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR BOTH OF US!

MINUTES LATER--



IT'S ALWAYS AMAZED ME HOW A MASKED CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE YOURSELF CAN ALSO BE SUCH A CAPABLE SCIENTIFIC LAB MAN!

SCIENCE WAS ALWAYS MY FIRST LOVE, DOC!

AND, IF EVER THERE'S A SLUMP IN SUPER-HEROING, I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO FALL BACK ON!

AFTER ALL, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH FUTURE THERE IS IN SPENDING YOUR LIFE UNDER A SPIDER-MAN MASK!



WHAT'S WRONG, DOC? YOU'RE NOT WITH IT!

I WAS JUST THINKING-- PERHAPS THE LIZARD COULD DEFEAT THE RHINO!

TOO DANGEROUS! YOU ALMOST REMAINED THE LIZARD LAST TIME! I CAN'T LET YOU RISK IT!

THEN IT'S BACK TO THE TEST-TUBES!

FINALLY...



LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE IT, DOC!

THIS IS WHAT I WAS AFTER!

BUT, IT'S STILL UNTESTED! WE'LL HAVE TO EXPERIMENT WITH IT FIRST!

THERE ISN'T TIME! IF I'M TOO LATE, A MAN MAY DIE!

BUT--DO YOU REALIZE THE DANGER--?

IF I EVER LET DANGER STOP ME, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS BY NOW!



ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?

YOU'VE A WIFE AND A SON, DOC! WHY RISK IT?

BESIDES, YOU'RE ONE OF THE ONLY FRIENDS SPIDEY HAS! I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOU!

HE STILL DOESN'T REALIZE THAT WHEN HE TURNED INTO THE LIZARD, HE WAS ONE OF THE DEADLIEST FOES I EVER FOUGHT!

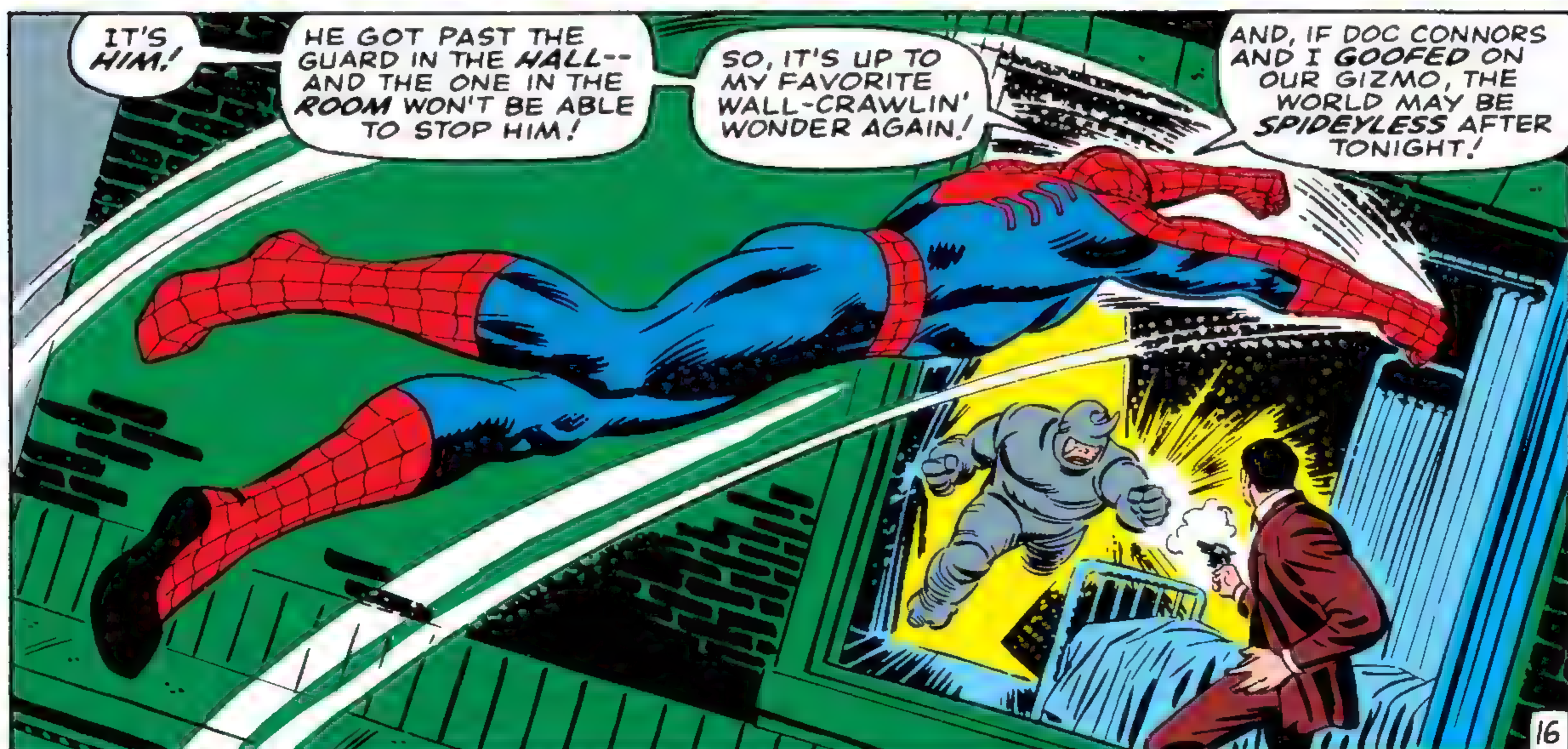
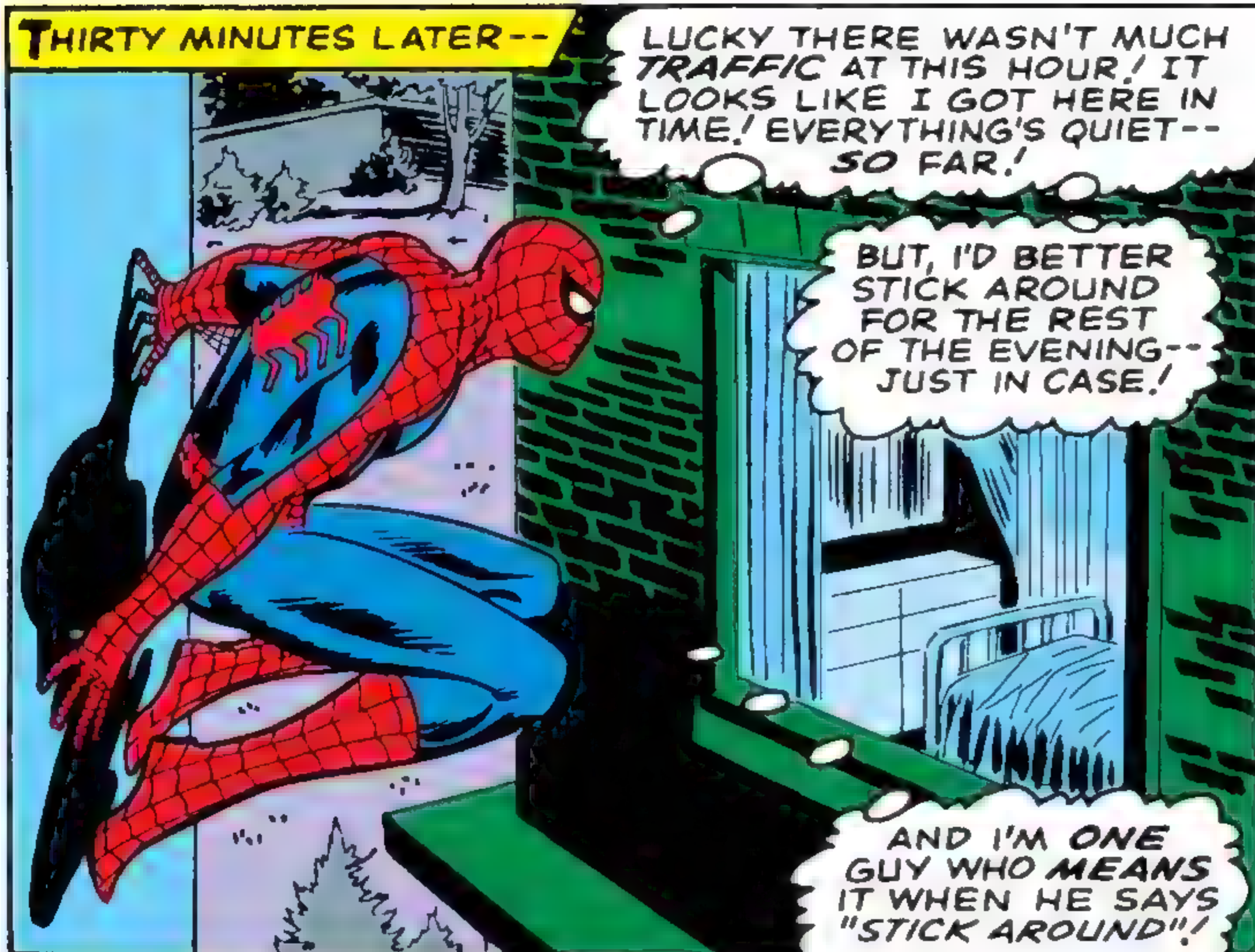


I SURE DON'T NEED THAT AGAIN!

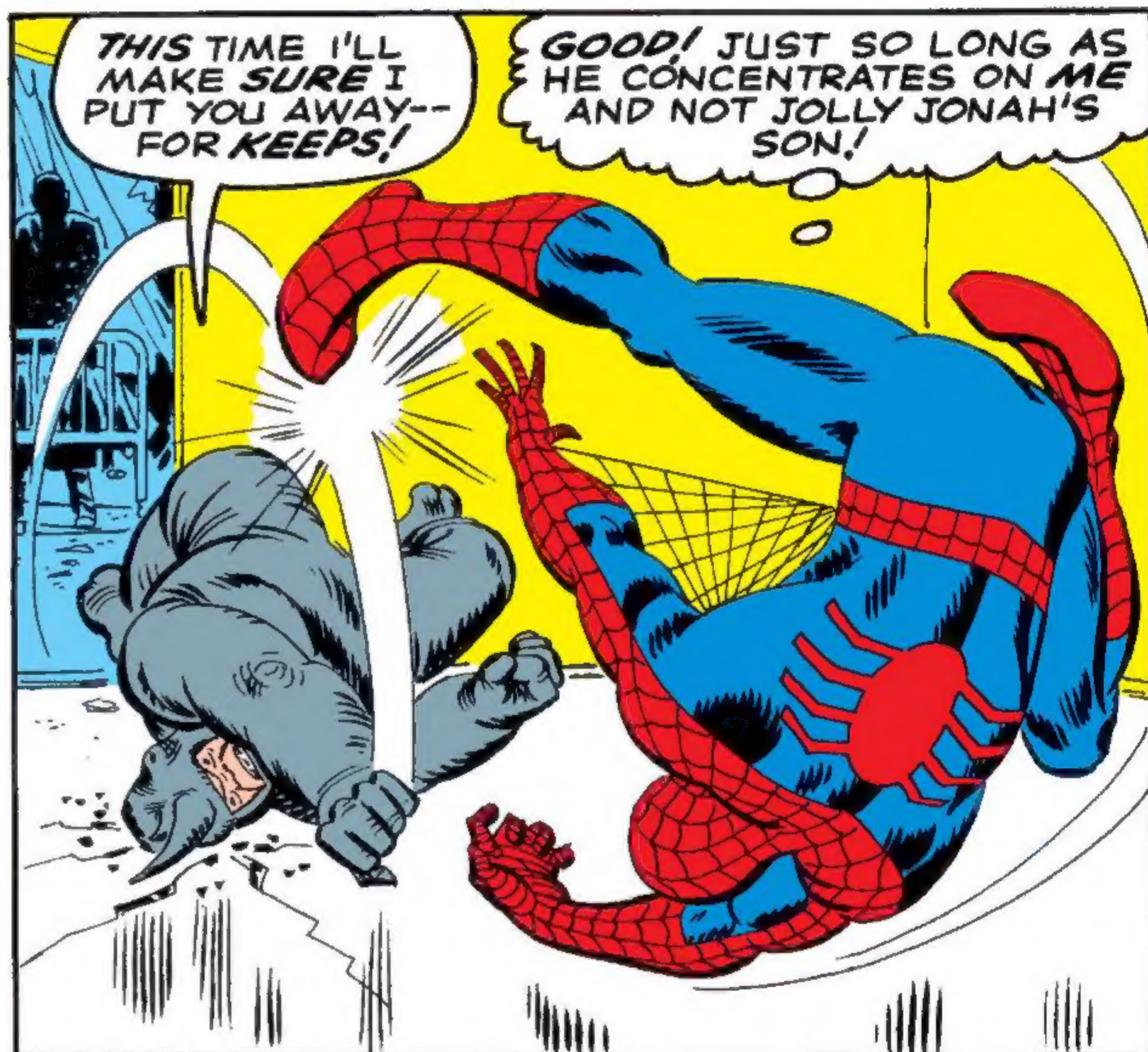
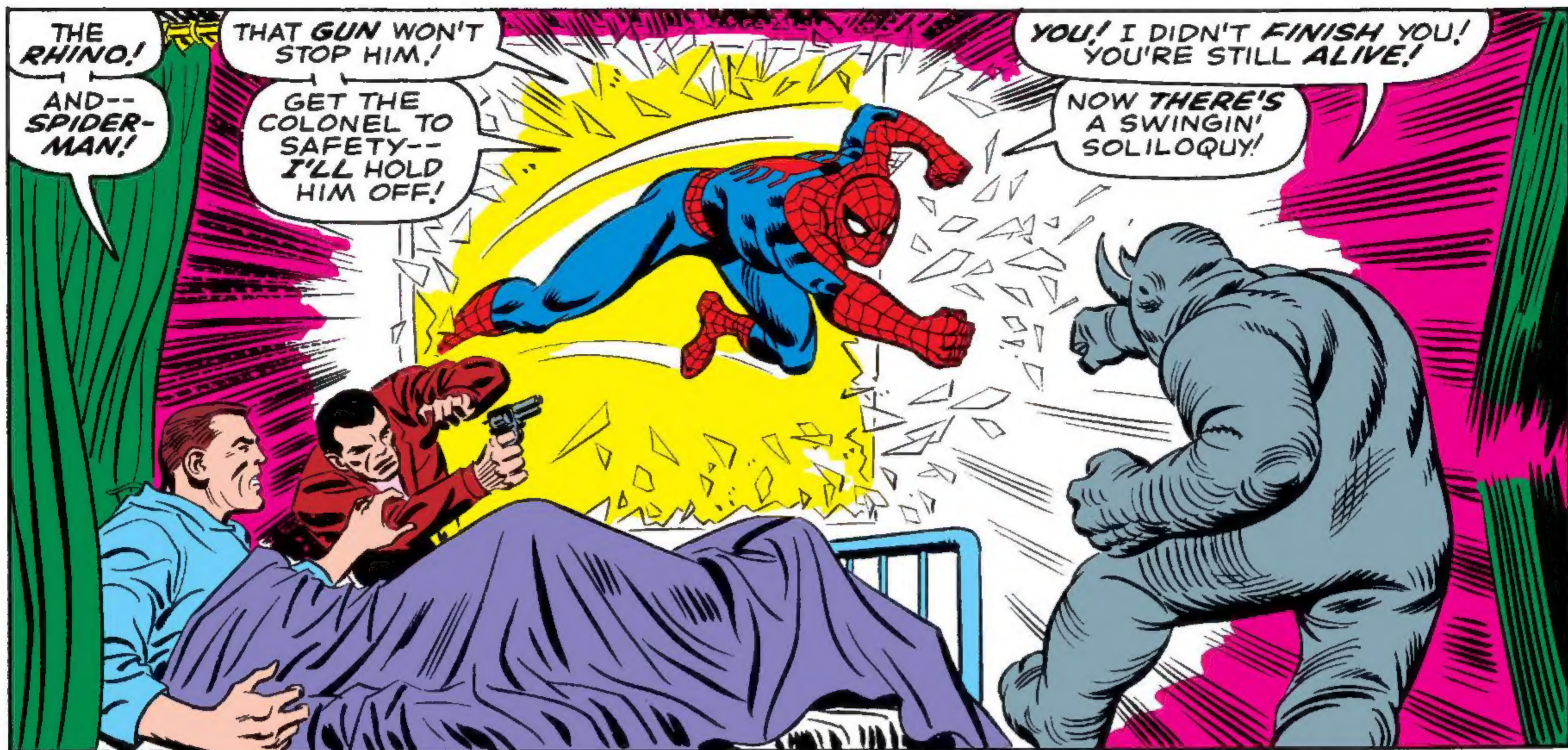
GOOD LUCK!

LEAVE A BUNSEN BURNER FLAMING IN THE WINDOW FOR ME, DOC!

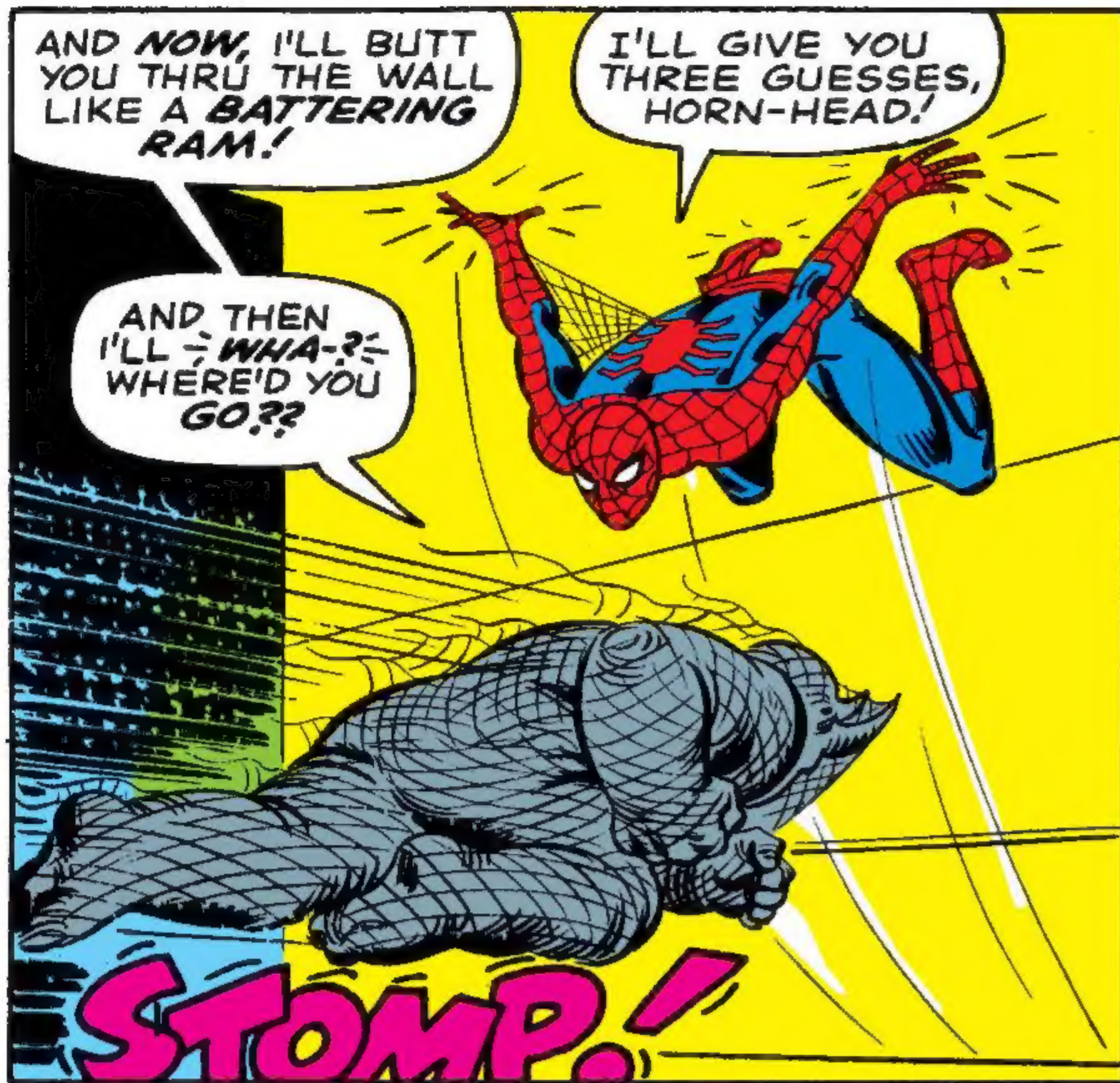




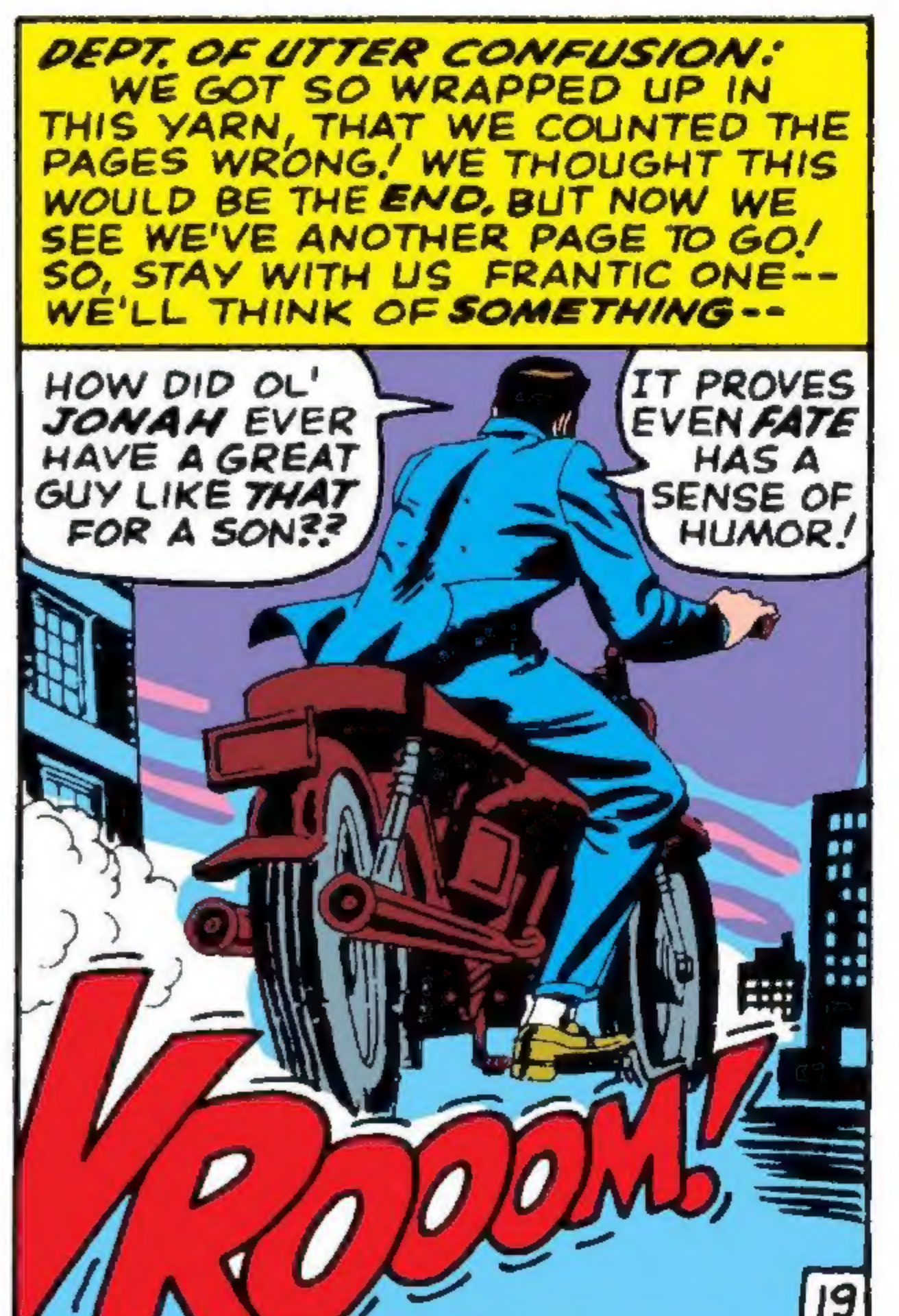
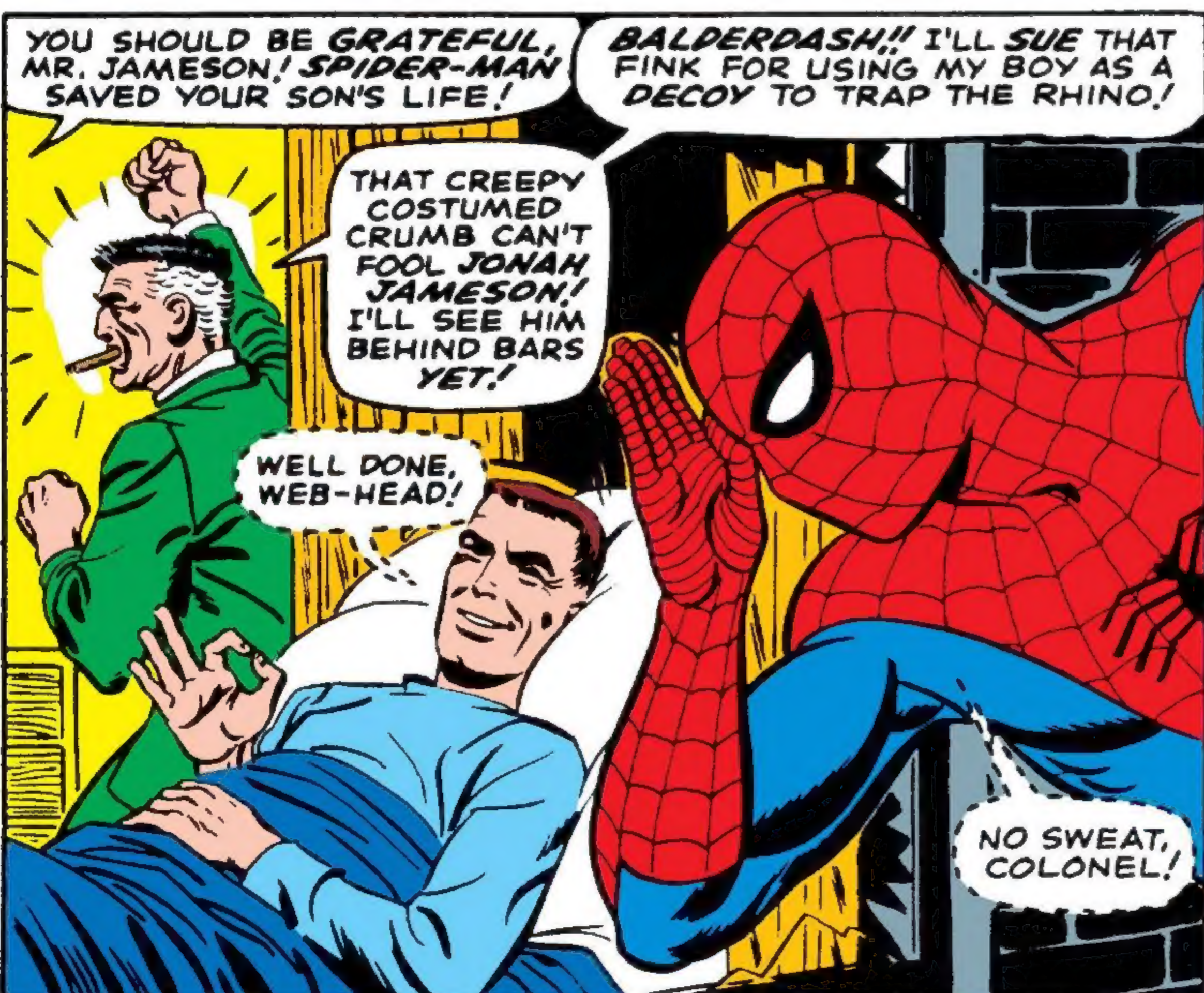
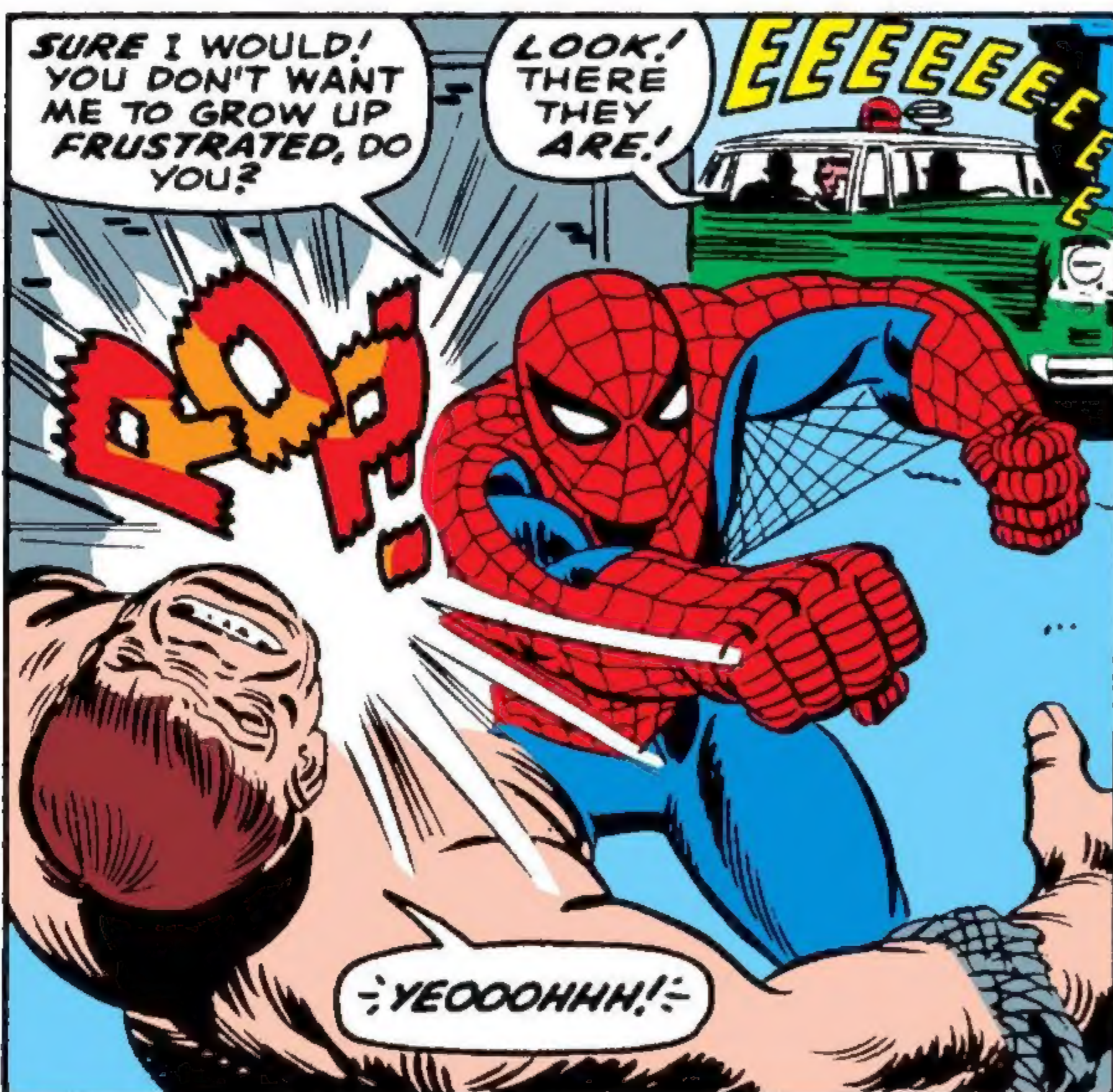














LATER, AT A RED LIGHT, PETE SEES--

**GWEN STACY--OUT WITH FLASH AND HARRY!**

WE ALL WENT OUT TO DISCUSS THE BIG NEWS, PETER!

HI, PEOPLE! ARE YOU COMING BACK LATE--OR STARTING OUT EARLY?

WHAT BIG NEWS?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR? FLASH HAS TO REPORT FOR A DRAFT PHYSICAL!

YEAH! ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY CAN'T WIN THE WAR WITHOUT ME!

DID YOU GET YOUR NOTICE YET, PETE?



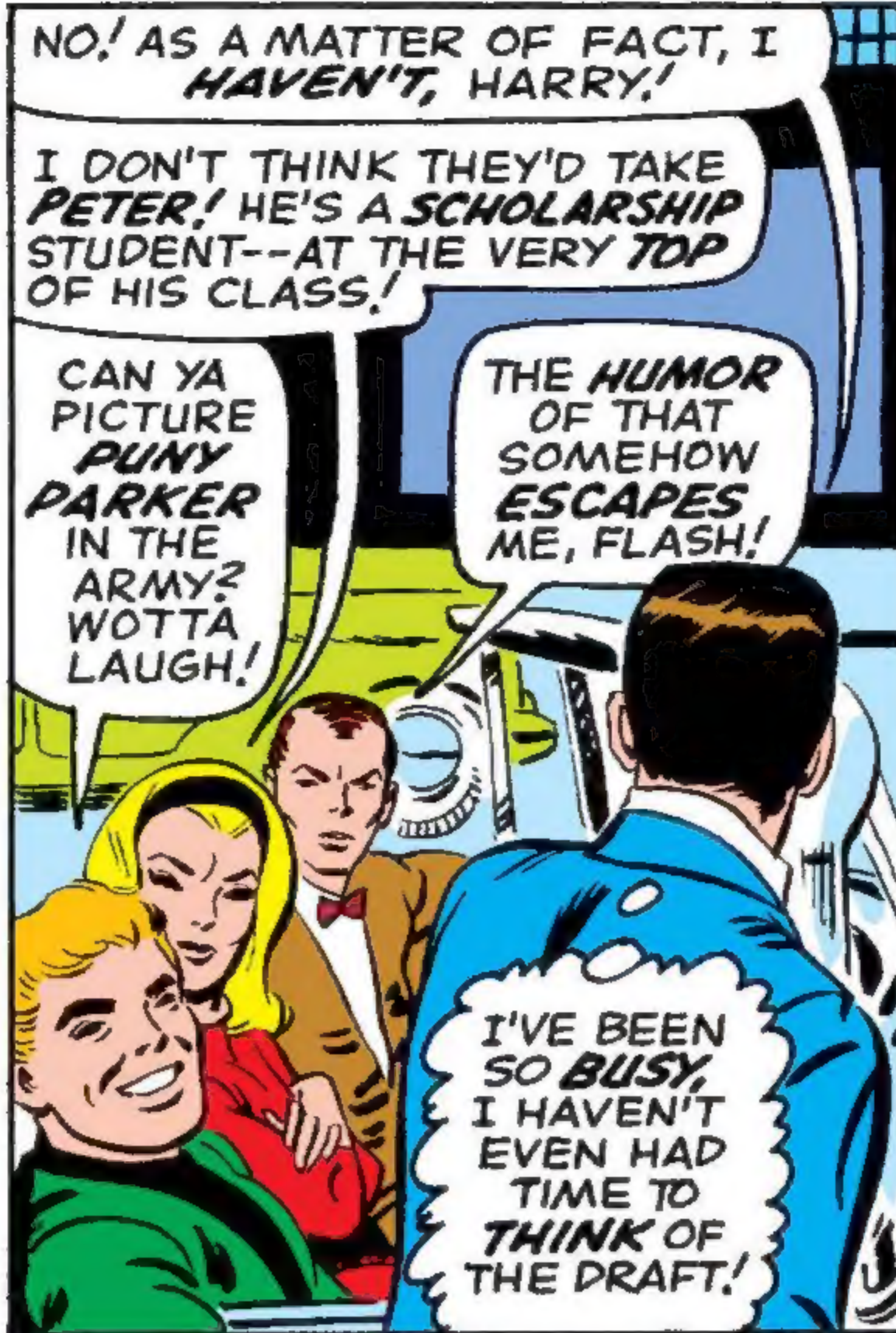
NO! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I **HAVEN'T**, HARRY!

I DON'T THINK THEY'D TAKE **PETER!** HE'S A **SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT--AT THE VERY TOP OF HIS CLASS!**

CAN YA PICTURE **PUNY PARKER** IN THE ARMY? WOTTA LAUGH!

THE **HUMOR** OF THAT SOMEHOW **ESCAPES** ME, FLASH!

I'VE BEEN SO **BUSY**, I **HAVEN'T** EVEN HAD TIME TO **THINK OF THE DRAFT!**



WELL, **LOUD-MOUTH--** I WISH YOU **LUCK--** NO MATTER **WHAT** HAPPENS!

KNOW SOMETHIN', PARKER? ANYONE EVER TELL YA THAT YOU'RE ALL **HEART?**

FLASH, ISN'T IT TIME THAT YOU AND PETE BURIED THE **HATCHET?**

**BURY IT?** PUNY PARKER COULDN'T EVEN **LIFT IT!**



IT'S A GOOD THING I'M NOT HOLDING MY BREATH WAITING FOR **GWEN** TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME!

I'LL BET **MARY JANE** WOULDN'T JUST SIT BACK AND LET FLASH PUT ME DOWN!

ALTHOUGH, I GUESS I'VE NEVER **GIVEN** GWEN MUCH REASON TO CARE, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

LEAVING SO SOON, USELESS? WOTTA SHAME!

KINDA BREAKS YOU UP, DOESN'T IT?



BUT, REACHING HOME, PETER FINDS A **NEW PROBLEM** TO CONCERN HIM--


HI, AUNT MAY! I--

I-I DON'T KNOW, PETER! I'VE FELT SO--**WEAK--** ALL EVENING!

AUNT MAY! WHAT'S **WRONG?** YOU LOOK SO **PALE--SO LISTLESS--!**

I--DON'T LIKE TO **WORRY** YOU, DEAR--BUT--PERHAPS IT WILL--PASS--!

YOUR **MEDICINE!** I'VE GOT TO GET IT FOR YOU!



OH **NO!** NOTHING HERE BUT THE OLD, EMPTY BOTTLE!

NO **WONDER** SHE FEELS **WEAK!** SHE NEVER **REFILLED** THE PRESCRIPTION!

IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE--SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE **MONEY!**



YOU'RE A **GREAT** GUY, PARKER! WORRYING ABOUT GETTING YOUR OWN APARTMENT--BUYING A NEW CYCLE--THINKING ONLY OF **NUMBER ONE!**

--WHILE THE WOMAN WHO'S DEVOTED HER **LIFE** TO YOU DOES WITHOUT HER **MEDICINE** BECAUSE SHE CAN'T **AFFORD** A NEW BOTTLE!

PETER PARKER, BOY HERO! YEAH--ISN'T THAT A KING-SIZE JOKE!



LATER--

SOMETHING CAME UP, MARY JANE! CAN'T MAKE IT TOMORROW NIGHT--

THAT'S OKAY, TIGER! I'LL KEEP A STIFF UPPER LIP TILL YOU BUZZ ME AGAIN, HEAR?

SOUNDS AS THOUGH SHE COULDN'T CARE LESS!



WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH ME? I'VE DEFEATED SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL **SUPER-VILLAINS** OF ALL TIME--WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE!

BUT, WHY DO I HAVE SUCH TROUBLE--JUST MANAGING MY OWN **LIFE--?**

**NEXT:**

**THE LIZARD CRAWLS AGAIN!**

